

October - December 1988

At the beginning of this quarter, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, appeared on the two national TV shows which featured the Gulf Breeze UFO sightings: "Unsolved Mysteries" (NBC) on October 5, and "UFO Cover-up?...Live" (Seligman Productions) on October 14. The second show was produced live from a studio located one block from the White House. Although the syndicated program was seen by an estimated 40 million viewers and elicited more than 75,000 phone calls, it went virtually unnoticed by the media, despite the astounding revelations made during the broadcast.

Our major effort during this quarter was to raise \$16,000 for MJ-12 related research by Stanton Friedman. We contacted several hundred people who have an interest in the UFO phenomenon. Although our goal had not been reached by the end of December, we are happy to say that we raised \$8,365, bringing the total amount committed to MJ-12 research to \$10,310.69. Whitley Strieber's Communion Foundation has promised us a matching grant of \$5,000. Thus by the first Quarter of 1989, we will be well on the way to completing our fundraising effort. We plan to tell Stanton to begin as soon as we have raised \$14,000, under the assumption that we can raise the remainder over the several months of his investigation. (Contributors of \$50 or more will receive a copy of Stanton's report before it is released to the public. If you would like to make a contribution to this vital area of research, please mark the appropriate space on the enclosed Reply Form.)

During this quarter, Budd Hopkins appealed for financial help in his abduction research. He has said that he has over a thousand letters that await responses and that he has been getting 20 or more letters a day at times. At a bare minimum, he needs clerical help. We approached one of our major sponsors who stated that he would contribute to this effort to help Budd.

There are several other projects related to abduction research which have been submitted to the Fund. Dr. Richard Haines has proposed creating an educational videotape for use by abduction researchers and clinical psychologists. Dr. Rima Laibow has proposed an abduction "crisis center" with a hotline for people who are emotionally disturbed over their experiences. Such a center would be staffed with specially trained people and run by a clinical psychologist or psychiatrist. Dr. Laibow also has proposed a conference of clinical psychologists and psychiatrists to review the abduction phenomenon with an emphasis on its connection with the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) which has recently been identified as a characteristic disorder of Vietnam veterans. These projects also require a considerable amount of funding (Dr. Haines' project might require \$20,000; a conference could cost several hundred thousand dollars). We hope to be able to raise enough money this year to support at least some of these abduction research efforts.

The Executive Committee of the Fund is entertaining proposals for research into the areas of government secrecy and abduction cases. If you have a proposal for consideration, please request a grant proposal form in a letter stating your general area of interest.

During this quarter, we initiated a project to obtain signatures from a large number of scientists who agree that UFO research should be conducted. We hope this will be a joint project with the Center for UFO Studies and the Mutual UFO Network. Fund Associate Howard Hoffman is coordinating the effort.

We are pleased to announce several newly available papers by Dr. Maccabee. *The Scientific Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects* presents the most exhaustive discussion ever published by Project Blue Book Special Report #14. Dr. Maccabee's report was originally published in two parts by the Center for UFO Studies in the *Journal of Scientific Studies (JUS)*, Vol. I and III. It is being offered by the Fund for the convenience of interested people who do not have access to the *JUS* volumes.

Another paper, *The Fantastic Flight of JAL 1628*, was published by CUFOS in the March/April issue of *International UFO Reporter*. It is the complete report on the Japan Air Lines sighting of November 17, 1986, which became public knowledge in late December.

The third paper that is now available has never been published. Entitled *An Analysis of an Anomalous Image Found in a DMSP Weather Satellite Photograph*, it presents a technical discussion of a "UFO" that was discovered by a weather satellite picture in late October 1978. The unusual image looks like an automobile without wheels flying above the surface of the Earth.

Also available for the first time is *The Mundrabilla Incident* by Keith Basterfield, the result of a year-long investigation into the January 20, 1988 Australian vehicle interference case. The Fund made a \$1,000 grant to Keith and his team of investigators under our Rapid Response Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

4th Quarter 1988

Total Assets

	End of 4th Quarter	End of 3rd Quarter
Checking Account	\$11,229.41	\$3,281.81
Savings & Loan	1,524.45	1,484.37
Dreyfus Account	729.47	702.93
Totals	\$13,483.33	\$5,469.11

Expenditures

Mail Services	\$3,227.85	\$2,431.25
Grants/investigations	-0-	1,153.82
Supplies	27.22	-0-
Phone	175.27	152.15
Other	788.46	1,012.72

Totals	\$4,218.80	\$4,749.56
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Income

Donations	\$9,422.90	\$1,545.40
Sales	2,890.90	1,611.80
Interest	33.93	31.96

Totals	\$12,374.73	\$3,157.70
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Although the Treasurer's Report indicates a very healthy bank balance as of the end of 1988, we should point out that more than \$10,000 has been committed to MJ-12 research, and over \$1,000 is earmarked for research into abduction cases. That leaves less than \$3,000 for general operating expenses as well as other research projects.

Once again this year, we are asking our supporters to help offset the cost of mailing the Quarterly Report by making a contribution of at least \$5.00 to offset printing and mailing costs. Future issues of the Quarterly Report will have information on new developments in our investigations into the MJ-12 documents, analysis of physical traces associated with abduction cases, the Gulf Breeze case and more--information usually not available elsewhere. Just mark the appropriate space on the enclosed Reply Form.